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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of:

YOICHI ANDO

Application No.: 09/749,727

Filed: December 28, 2000

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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: Examiner: N.Y.A.
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: Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents the Examiner is referred to the abstracts attached thereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

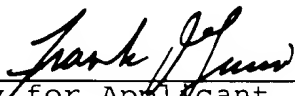
<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/041,639	3/13/98	2875
09/511,349	2/23/00	2879
09/337,250	6/22/99	2875
09/722,702	11/28/00	N.Y.A.

Copies of the cited applications are enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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